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Re application of:

Michael Lewis, et al.

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Examiner: James M. Alpert

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
EVALUATING FRAUD RISK IN AN
ELECTRONIC COMMERCE TRANSACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2006, the shortened statutory period for which runs until April 30, 2006, extended to May 1, 2006 because April 30 was a Sunday, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the remarks herein.

I. DOUBLE PATENTING ISSUE—U.S. PAT. NO. 6,029,154

The remainder of the Office Action rejects all pending claims based upon non-statutory double patenting in view of US Pat. No. 6,029,154. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-2 of the '154 patent recite:


1. A method for detecting fraud in a credit card transaction between a consumer and a merchant over the Internet comprising the steps of:
receiving, from the consumer, credit card information relating to the transaction;

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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